



SEMINOLE COUNTY TRAILS AND GREENWAYS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**May 27, 2004
Minutes**

Members in attendance:

Roger Cooper
Al Stimac
Andrea Holman
Lisa Giltner
Judy Putz
Ken Holt

Staff in attendance:

Mark Lichtenheld
Cindy Matheny
Jeff Hayes

Guests:

N/A

Committee members met Staff at the Markham Trailhead at approximately 5:30 p.m. Mr. Lichtenheld led a tour of the site and showed the construction plans to the committee members.

Members and Staff moved to Sylvan Lake Park for the business portion of the meeting.

Mr. Cooper called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m.

Reports:

Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee/Metroplan – Ms. Matheny reported that the Orange County Expressway Authority has taken over the construction of the planned westward extension of Maitland Blvd. (west of US 441). As originally planned, the road would have accommodated bike/ped facilities, but the Expressway Authority will be re-evaluating those options. Ms. Matheny

explained that this road provided a potential route to connect the south leg of the Seminole-Wekiva Trail to the West Orange Trail.

Ms. Holman asked if any Bike to Work activities had been held in Seminole County. Ms. Matheny replied that she was not aware of any.

Natural Lands – Ms. Matheny reported that the Natural Lands Committee is in the process of evaluating four sites for acquisition.

Mr. Cooper asked for a motion to approve the minutes of March 25, 2004. Motion by Mr. Stimac, seconded by Ms. Giltner, approved unanimously.

Mr. Cooper asked the new committee members, Ms. Putz and Mr. Holt, to introduce themselves.

The committee members discussed a column that had appeared in the May 23, 2004, Orlando Sentinel, Seminole section, regarding the Markham Woods Road area. The committee further discussed issues related to parking in the area. Ms. Giltner asked that a copy of the article be sent to committee members with the next set of minutes.

Florida National Scenic Trail – no report.

Bike issues – no report

Development Review Committee – no report

Coordination/Planning – Ms. Matheny stated that the state is opening a trail acquisition cycle sometime later this year, and that the south leg of the Seminole-Wekiva, through the Altamonte Springs area, is a possible project. She asked that committee members contact staff with any other candidates. Ms. Giltner stated that she would like staff to look at a connection to the Flagler Trail from the Willingham Road area.

Office of Greenways and Trails – no report.

Design/Construction – Mr. Lichtenheld said that bids for the Little Econ Bridge are in and under review. The Flagler Trail North is in the design and planning stage. A trailhead will be built on Natural Lands property on Osceola Fish Camp Road. He stated that this is an “in-house” design which he will bring to the next committee meeting.

Ms. Giltner asked if the committee could schedule a field trip to the site. She would like to bring her horse trailer to see if it could be accommodated on site.

Mr. Lichtenheld replied that access to the site is not yet stabilized but will be designed to accommodate a 20' horse trailer.

Mr. Lichtenheld reported that construction on additional segments of the Cross Seminole Trail should begin in approximately 3 months.

Ms. Matheny informed the committee that the Rinehart Road Trailblazers, in conjunction with the City of Lake Mary, will hold a dedication of the new trail improvements on June 5 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Special Projects staff will have a booth at the event, which will include activities along the trail from Lake Mary Blvd north to CR 46A.

Old Business:

Advisory Committee Letter to Board of County Commissioners concerning Trail use to County Landfill Property – Mr. Cooper stated that he had received no response from the County Commission. Ms. Holman indicated that she would like to receive a copy of the letter. Ms. Matheny stated that she will invite a representative of the Environmental Services Department to attend the next committee meeting and address any issues the members may have.

Flagler South Trailhead Signage – Mr. Lichtenheld reported that signs had been posted along the trail indicating that equestrian uses are permitted on the trail. A large sign will be posted on the kiosk at the Snow Hill trailhead.

New Business:

St. John's Heritage River Initiative – Transportation Enhancements funding – Ms. Matheny summarized the request of the St. Johns River Initiative regarding a letter of support from the committee to accompany its application to the Florida Department of Transportation for funding. The requested funds would be used to plan a trail system along the St Johns River.

Ms. Holman made a motion that the chairman draft a letter indicating the committee's support, seconded by Mr. Stimac, passed unanimously.

Ms. Giltner stated that she would like a statement made to the County Commission that the committee be more involved in design issues. She would like the committee to be able to make suggestions early in the planning/design process.

Ms. Putz said that a copy of the committee's mission statement would be helpful in determining the committee's level of involvement.

Ms. Giltner asked that the issue be on the next committee meeting agenda.

Ms. Holman made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ms. Giltner.
Motion approved unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Next meeting: Thursday, June 24, at 7 p.m. in Room 3024, County Services Building